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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 9

NO: 0

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, to which was referred House Bill 1600, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:

- 1 Page 1, line 17, after "20-12-3.5" delete "." and insert ", **including**
- 2 **a police officer whose employer purchases coverage under section**
- 3 **4.5 of this chapter.**"
- 4 Page 2, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new line block indented and
- 5 insert:
- 6 **"(15) A firefighter whose employer purchases coverage under**
- 7 **section 4.5 of this chapter.**
- 8 SECTION 2. IC 5-10-10-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) As used**
- 11 **in this section, "eligible officer" means a police officer or firefighter**
- 12 **whose employer purchases coverage under this section.**
- 13 **(b) As used in this section, "employer" means:**
- 14 **(1) a university, college, or junior college, other than a state**
- 15 **university, state college, or state junior college, that appoints**
- 16 **a police officer under IC 20-12-3.5; or**

(2) a university, other than a state university, located in Indiana that:

(A) maintains a fire department;

(B) employs firefighters for the fire department; and

(C) is accredited by the North Central Association.

(c) If an employer purchases coverage for an eligible officer, the eligible officer is eligible for a special death benefit from the fund in the same manner that any other public safety officer is eligible for a special death benefit from the fund. The cost of the coverage shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) for each eligible officer annually. The cost of the coverage shall be paid to the board for deposit in the fund.

(d) If an employer elects to provide coverage under this section, the employer must purchase coverage for all eligible officers of the employer. The board shall allow an employer to purchase coverage by making quarterly payments on dates prescribed by the board.

SECTION 3. IC 5-10-10-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5.

(a) The special death benefit fund is established for the purpose of paying lump sum death benefits under section 6 of this chapter. The fund consists of the fees remitted to the ~~auditor of state board~~ under ~~IC 35-33-8-3.2~~ **section 4.5 of this chapter**. The fund shall be administered by the board. The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(b) The board shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as the board's other funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(c) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this SECTION, "board" refers to the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "eligible officer" means a police officer or firefighter whose employer purchases coverage under this SECTION.

(c) As used in this SECTION, "employer" means:

(1) a university, college, or junior college, other than a state

1 university, state college, or state junior college, that appoints
2 a police officer under IC 20-12-3.5; or

3 (2) a university, other than a state university, that:

4 (A) is located in Indiana;

5 (B) maintains a fire department;

6 (C) employs firefighters for the fire department; and

7 (D) is accredited by the North Central Association.

8 (d) As used in this SECTION, "fund" refers to the special death
9 benefit fund established by IC 5-10-10-5, as amended by this act.

10 (e) Not later than June 30, 2005, an employer may remit
11 payment to the board to purchase coverage under IC 5-10-10-4.5,
12 as added by this act, for all eligible officers employed by the
13 employer during the period beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
14 June 30, 2005. If a payment is remitted in accordance with this
15 subsection, a special death benefit shall be paid from the fund
16 under IC 5-10-10, as amended by this act, for any eligible officer
17 who dies in the line of duty during the period beginning July 1,
18 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

19 (f) This SECTION expires July 1, 2006."

20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1600 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Ruppel